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() New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
() No additional fee
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TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$280	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00		\$ 0
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Respectfully submitted,

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This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

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under 37 CFR 1.97 (c) together with either a:
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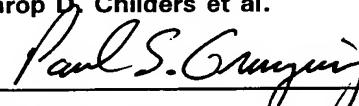
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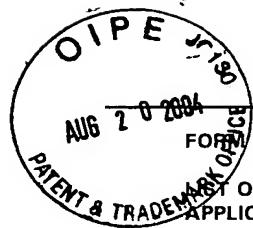
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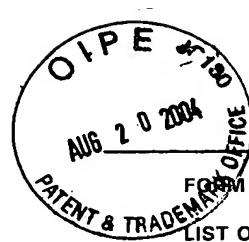
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